

ELECTION CONTEST IN MORENCI PRECT. IS DISMISSED

The election contest suit instituted by Miner E. Roscoe, of Morenci, candidate in the recent election on the Democratic ticket for the office of Justice of the Peace, was dismissed in the Superior Court this week on the motion of the attorneys for the contestant.

On the face of the returns F. A. Stewart, republican candidate, had been elected Justice of the Peace by a margin of three votes, and in order to secure a recount of the votes in Morenci precinct for this office contest proceedings were instituted.

The commission appointed to inspect the ballots cast in Morenci precinct for the office of Justice of the Peace consisted of R. M. McDougall, C. M. Staples, and H. Earl Rogge. The commission met on Wednesday of this week in the office of County Treasurer W. J. Collins, the legal custodian of the ballots, and after a careful inspection of the ballots, submitted their report to the Court.

The Commission was unanimous in finding that there were cast for F. A. Stewart, Contestee, 179 votes; and for Miner O. Roscoe, contestant, 176 votes, which said votes are agreed between Contestant and Contestee to be in all respects regular and valid.

In addition to the above finding the Commission called to the attention of the Court thirteen ballots appearing to be irregular on their face and proceeded to describe such irregular ballots to the Court, marking such ballots from No. 1 to No. 13.

Two examples of the irregular ballots described are as follows: Ballot No. 1. Marked with a cross in the square at the head of the Republican column, and with a cross in the square opposite the name of Miner O. Roscoe, and no cross in the square opposite the name of F. A. Stewart.

Ballot No. 6. A cross placed in the square at the head of the Democratic column, and a cross placed in the square at the right of the name of F. A. Stewart, and no cross in the square to the right of the name of Miner E. Roscoe.

Thirteen such irregular ballots were described by the Commission and accompanied the report to the Court as exhibits.

The Commission also noted that twenty ballots were cast in the precinct upon which the votes expressed no choice for the office of Justice of the Peace.

Following the submission of the report to the Court Miner O. Roscoe the Contestant, who was present in person, instructed his attorneys, Messrs. Lynch & Elliott, to dismiss the suit.

15 CENT COPPER IS EXPECTED SOON SAYS C. & A. PRESIDENT

DOUGLAS, Dec. 19.—"Optimistically pessimistic" is the way Gordon R. Campbell, of Calumet, Mich., president of the Calumet & Arizona Mining company, feels. Campbell is in the district, the guest of John C. Greenway.

While Campbell refused to admit that he was entirely optimistic regarding the outlook for copper, he admitted that the pessimism he experienced during his visit to the district eight months ago had nearly left him.

"Conditions now are certainly a great deal better than they were," he said. "Just what will happen during the next few months I do not know. I don't expect to see a sudden boom in the copper industry; and we do not want that. But we do want, and hope to see, a steady improvement. During the last few months copper has shown a tendency to creep up to 14 cents a pound and then fall back a few fractions. Fourteen cents seems to have been its limit. In a short time I would not be surprised to see copper around 15 cents a pound and holding that figure."

\$16,459 IS MONTH'S GASOLINE TAX TOTAL

PHOENIX, Dec. 22.—Gasoline tax collections for November amounted to \$16,459.65, according to a statement issued yesterday by Ernest R. Hall, secretary of state. The collections, the statement states, shows a slight increase over the collections for October. The total amount collected through the tax on gasoline since the law became effective, June 9, 1921, has been \$255,399.08. The records of the secretary of state's office show.

The collections of the tax for November, 1922, show an increase of \$3,127.45 over the collections for November, 1921, which were \$13,332.20. The tax collected is one cent a gallon and is collected from the wholesale dealers. The funds are turned over to the state treasurer to be credited to the highway fund of the state.

Nogales Man to Be State Examiner By Hunt Appointment

PHOENIX, Dec. 22.—Governor-elect George W. P. Hunt today announced the selection of Frank L. Edinborough of Nogales for appointment to the office of state examiner under the new administration.

Mr. Edinborough has been a resident of Arizona for many years and since coming to the state he has been engaged in the banking and insurance business.

He was formerly head of the insurance department of the National Bank of Nogales.

Mr. Edinborough is a graduate of the Michigan Law school and practiced law for many years before coming west.

ASSESSORS FIX THE VALUATION OF PROPERTY

PHOENIX, Dec. 23.—Announcement of the minimum valuations for various classes of property in the state as adopted by the county assessors in conference last Tuesday and Wednesday with the state tax commission was made yesterday by Charles R. Howe, chairman of the state tax commission.

In setting a minimum valuation to be used, the assessors agreed after the first of the year, they would in no case place a lower assessed valuation on a class of property than in the minimum valuation agreed upon at the conference.

The minimum valuations were fixed. Chairman Howe of the tax commission said, in order that each class of property in the state will be assessed as uniformly as possible. The assessor did not attempt to place a minimum valuation on irrigated, farming or grazing lands or upon the productive mining claims in the state.

Values Fixed
The minimum values fixed at the conference were as follows:

Fences, per wire mile, \$25.
Merchandise, to be assessed per inventory value, merchants being required to acknowledge reports before a notary with copies sent to the tax commission. Furniture and fixtures are not included in the merchandise item.

Non-productive patented mines, lode claims, per acre, \$35.30; per full claim, \$750.

Patented mill sites, per acre, \$36.30.

Non-productive patented placer claims including coal lands, per acre, \$10.

Livestock as follows:

Horses, per head: Range, \$20; work, class A, \$100; work, class B, \$40; saddle class A, \$100; saddle class B, \$40; Stallions, \$100; mules, class A, \$100; mules class B, \$40; asses, \$5; Jacks, \$100.

Cattle per head: Range, including all calves of the preceding year, \$20; range, two years and up, \$30; beef or feeders, \$35; milch cows, class A, \$100; milch cows, class B, \$40; bulls, \$50.

Sheep, per head: \$5; rams, \$15.

Goats, common or graded, per head, \$2.

Swine, per head, \$10.

Poultry, per dozen, \$10.

Bees, per stand, \$5.00.

Automobile Values
Automobiles, 1922 models, 20 per cent off list prices; on other cars use values as sent out by the tax commission and shown in used car market reports of December, 1922.

In all events the assessor will consider the condition of the machine. Motorcycles, first year, cost to dealer; second year, 20 per cent off dealer's cost; third year, 30 per cent discount on dealer's cost; 4th year, assessor to use own judgment. As with automobiles, the assessor is to consider condition of machine.

The productive mines is the largest class of property in the state, and in most cases, the assessment of these properties is made by the tax commission as are the railroads. Lands and cattle are the two large items assessed by the county assessors. Automobiles and motorcycles are assessed by the assessors at the time the state license fee is collected and the license issued.

BISBEE COUPLE ARE MARRIED AT TUCSON

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 16.—Miss Eva W. Wallace and John Mason Ross, both of Bisbee, were quietly married here today at the home of friends. The bride was formerly Miss Eva Walcott, of the well known family of that name at Tombstone. Mr. Ross is a prominent attorney of Arizona, being identified with the firm of Ellinwood and Ross.

We didn't know we had an ulcer nerve until the doctor told us we had sprained it typewriting.

News of Clifton

PARENT TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION TO MEET
The Clifton Parent Teacher's Association will meet Tuesday Jan. 2nd at the Auditorium 7:30 P. M. The program for the evening consists of: Talk.....Miss Lindsey Instrumental Solo.....Mrs. Penfield Educational Moving Pictures.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOLD "OPEN HOUSE"
The Clifton Woman's Club will hold "Open House" at their Club Home, on New Year's Day from two to five p. m. Everybody welcomed.

GIRDNER-McBRIDE WEDDING
Miss Lola Winifred McBride and J. W. Girdner were quietly married in Clifton at the Methodist parsonage on Wednesday morning, January 27th, Rev. J. S. Ryan officiating. The bride was teacher of Home Economics in the Clifton Schools and the groom is Deputy Supervisor of the Apache National Forest with headquarters in Clifton.

Both bride and groom are popular in Clifton's social circle and the wedding came as a complete surprise to all. Mr. and Mrs. Girdner are spending their honeymoon in El Paso, Texas.

WOMAN'S CLUB REQUESTS ATTENDANCE
The Clifton Woman's Club will meet Friday Jan. 5th at 11:45 a. m. at the Open Air Rooms on Chase Creek. All members who are able to attend are urged to be present. Miss Lindsay and Mrs. Terrell will be hostesses.

DICHTELMILLER-RISDON WEDDING
Rev. F. W. Thomas united in the holy bonds of matrimony at six o'clock last Sunday morning, Mr. George Edward Dichtelmiller and Miss Emma E. Risdon. The wedding was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Hagan, who served a bountiful breakfast immediately following the ceremony. Only the immediate relatives of the couple were present and after the breakfast the bride and groom took the stage for Lordsburg and thence to El Paso. They will visit relatives there for a few days before returning to settle here for their wedding life.

Mr. Dichtelmiller is employed by the Phelps Dodge Co. at Morenci and Mrs. Dichtelmiller has been teaching in the Clifton schools. We are glad to have this very fine young couple settle here for their home and wish them all the joys of a long wedded life.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MEET
The Presbyterian Ladies' Auxiliary will meet at the church parlors on Thursday afternoon January 4th. A full attendance is requested.

VISITING FROM LOS ANGELES
Mrs. Florence Y. Foote, former resident of Clifton, accompanied by her mother Mrs. Sarah York, are visiting relatives and friends in Clifton during the holidays.

METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, Dec. 31. Sunday School at 9:45. The "Ford" was crowded out of first place by the "Liberty" last Sunday in the big "Auto Race" now in progress. Start the New Year right by getting into this Race. 11:00 A. M. Morning service. Subject: "Builders". 6:30 p. m. League service. 7:30 p. m. Song service followed by sermon. Subject: "Watchman tell us of the Night". J. S. RYAN, Pastor.

ST. PHILLIPS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Next Sunday, Dec. 31, services as follows: Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Morning Prayer and sermon at 11:00 a. m. Public always welcome. Come and worship with us, if you have no home church. We will try to do you good. U. E. BROWN, Rector.

PRESBYTERIAN NEWS
A Happy New Year to you all, is the wish of the minister, Rev. F. W. Thomas.

The Christmas season was very fittingly celebrated at Morenci Saturday night by beautiful exercises and a tree. The program was a splendid one and all enjoyed it, as well as the treat.

The sermon there in the morning was suited to the occasion, as was also the Sunday School lesson. Clifton had their tree and program in connection with the evening Service Sunday, and it was very impressive, and inspiring. Rev. Thomas gave a ten minute sermonette at the close of the program after which the treat was distributed.

The Mexican Protestant tree and a fine program was at the Chapel at Morenci. The Clifton church celebrated the event with them there. A fine treat and many useful gifts were distributed.

The Teacher Training Class at Clifton will change the evening of their meeting from Wednesday to Tuesday beginning with the New Year.

Rev. F. W. THOMAS.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
Hon. A. R. Lynch, attorney-at-law, of Clifton and Chairman of the Greenlee County Democratic Central Committee, has been tendered the appointment by Attorney General Murphy, as Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Lynch left for Phoenix this morning to confer with Attorney General Murphy and stated before leaving that he would in all probability accept the appointment. Attorney General Murphy is to be congratulated upon securing an able assistant in this important office and the selection of A. R. Lynch will likewise be pleasing to local Democrats.

FORMER LEGISLATOR HERE
M. M. Little, former resident of Morenci, and a member of the Fourth Arizona Legislature from this county, is a visitor in the district this week. For the past four years Mr. Little has been in the oil fields around Cisco, Texas but is contemplating a return to Arizona.

HOLIDAY VISITORS FROM SAFFORD
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hutchins and R. C. Bond, of Safford, were holiday visitors from Safford.

ORDERS BOOZE EQUIPMENT DESTROYED
Judge of the Superior Court Frank B. Laine this week ordered the Sheriff to destroy all stills material and equipment used in the manufacture of intoxicating liquor now held in his possession, which will not be used as evidence in the prosecution of pending cases.

ADVISES VACCINATION FOR SMALL POX
Dr. L. A. W. Burch, county health officer, advises local residents to be vaccinated as a precautionary measure against small pox which is prevalent in certain sections of the state, although it has not as yet made its appearance in Greenlee county, but may be expected.

REMEMBERED
Mrs. James Colquhoun, of Tunbridge Wells, England, with her unusual liberality, has again sent this year one hundred dollars for a Christmas treat for the Clifton children. The letter was delayed in the post and did not reach Clifton until December 26th so the children this year will have two treats instead of one.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS
Charles Miller, formerly employed in Clifton, but now in Globe, has been visiting here during the holidays. Charlie will return to Globe on Sunday.

RETURNED TO NACAZARI
Fred L. Adams, former purchasing agent for the A. C. Co. Ltd., but now with the mining department of the Phelps Dodge Corporation at Nacazari, spent the Christmas holidays with friends in Clifton. He returned to Nacazari on Thursday.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS
L. A. Ault, old time resident of Clifton, is spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Clifton. Mr. Ault for the past year has been located on the Bishop and Williams' ranch on Blue River.

SPRAINS ANKLE
George S. Martin is getting about on crutches as the result of having sprained his right ankle on Wednesday of this week. Mr. Martin was riding a spirited horse along Chase Creek when the horse suddenly bolted throwing the rider's weight on the left stirrup with the above result.

MADE FINAL PROOF
Adam F. Hoffman of Eagle Creek this week submitted his final proof upon his Homestead before the Clerk of the Superior Court, T. P. Wilson and Jesse Simmons acted as his witnesses. Also Henry Schweitzer submitted his final proof on his Homestead on Eagle Creek. Thomas B. McCulloch and Orion Wright acted as his witnesses.

MEETING OLD FRIENDS
H. E. Corder, formerly with the A. & N. M. Ry., general office in Clifton, arrived from El Paso this afternoon and is busy meeting old acquaintances. Mr. Corder resigned his post with the Santa Fe offices in El Paso and has accepted a position under R. K. Minson with the Magma Superior R. R. with headquarters in Superior.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
The following marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Superior Court the past week: John Bufo, to wed Olympia Pulice, both parties being from Morenci; George E. Dichtelmiller to wed Emma E. Risdon, both parties being from Clifton; George A. Wilson to wed Winnie E. McNair, both parties being from Duncan, James W. Girdner to wed Lola Winifred McBride, both parties being from Clifton.

Mrs. J. J. Jones is a holiday guest of her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dave W. Ling.

Customs Officers Narrowly Escape Death From Bomb

NOGALES, Dec. 20.—A Granada negro, a British subject, was arrested by customs guards on the line Tuesday afternoon, and taken to the office of the special agent in the customs house, where a search disclosed him to be in possession of an infernal machine, large enough to destroy any building in Nogales.

The bomb was made by filling a small tin with nitro-glycerine, sealed with wax and with a fulminating cap arranged between two large, hexagon nuts so that a slight jar would cause it to explode.

The fact that damage had not been done by the bomb was probably due to the dynamite having gotten wet in some manner, and this fact too probably saved an explosion in the customs office when the machine was being opened.

APPOINTMENTS BY SUPERVISORS TO BE MADE ON TUESDAY

The outgoing Board of Supervisors will hold their last session of the year at the court house on Saturday December 30th which will be attended by the new incoming members as well.

Final reports will be received from the various county officers and the money on hand in the office of the Treasurer will be counted.

The first official meeting of the new Board, composed of Minor O. Simms, of Clifton; W. W. McMillen of Morenci and Floyd Hightower, of Duncan, will be held on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock at which time the annual contracts for fuel, boarding prisoners, and printing will be let.

From what is considered an authoritative source the ERA learns that the appointments will be made by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday morning as follows:

Clerk of Board of Supervisors—H. K. Martin.

Supt. of Public Health—Dr. T. P. Smith.

Matron of Hospital—Mrs. Laurie Smith.

Road Superintendent—S. L. Ault.

Custodian of Building and Grounds—Wm. Whipple.

According to our informant the new Chairman of the Board will be Minor O. Simms, of Clifton.

It was reported at the Court house yesterday that in all probability County Treasurer John Evans would be unable to be present Tuesday morning to assume his new duties by reason of illness which has confined him to his home for several weeks.

COLLIER, ACQUITTED ON MURDER CHARGE, TO WED DIVORCED WIFE

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 27.—Will R. Collier, acquitted in superior court last Saturday night of murdering R. C. Elliott, a rancher, near Tempe last September took out a license yesterday afternoon to marry Mrs. Maude Collier, his divorced wife, who was the principal witness in his trial for murder. Mrs. Collier testified during the trial that Elliott, the slain man, had won her away from her husband, promised to marry her and later deserted her.

Collier admitted shooting Elliott and testified that his wife had admitted her relations with him. He said he had agreed to a divorce after hearing her story.

After the trial Mr. and Mrs. Collier left the courtroom together and friends said they were not surprised to hear that they planned to remarry. They have three children by their former marriage.

HUNDREDS SEEKING WORK IN MINES AT GLOBE AND MIAMI

GLOBE, Arizona, Dec. 21.—Relief organizations here are alarmed at the steady influx of workless from the Pacific coast. It is estimated that between 30 and 40 are arriving daily in search of jobs. The arrivals declare that they have been told in Phoenix and western Arizona of easy work and big pay to be obtained at Globe and Miami.

Only skilled workers are being employed in the mines here, however, and those searching for work are for the most part, unfitted for such work.

The Red Cross, Associated Charities, the Salvation Army, and other relief organizations are caring for the job hunters. The city and county jails have been pressed into service to house the needy.

ON VACATION

Louis Marks, traveling salesman with the American Tobacco company is spending a ten day vacation in Clifton.

CATTLE GROWERS TO BE REPRESENTED BY LOCAL COMMITTEE

Col. T. P. Wilson, of Eagle Creek, and George Montgomery, of Pine Flat, representative cattlemen of their respective sections, arrived in Clifton on Thursday, and on Friday with R. Stephens, of Clifton, held a committee meeting representing the cattle growers of Greenlee county.

The committee composed of Messrs. Wilson, Montgomery and Stephens is the outgrowth of the recent meeting of cattlemen of the county held in Clifton upon which occasion President Boice and Secretary Rice of the Arizona Cattle Growers Association were present.

Instead of attempting to organize a new county association at this time, which has been attempted before in this county, the cattlemen present at the meeting held in the Y building on December 15th, unanimously decided to elect a committee to represent them from this county and selected the above named committeemen for that purpose.

Messrs. Wilson, Montgomery and Stephens will represent the cattlemen, from the Stephens range on the south, north, including the Blue and Eagle districts, and have been empowered by the cattle growers of this section to represent them at the meetings of the state association and to make contracts for sale and time of delivery.

At the meeting of the committee in Clifton this week the general situation in the county will be canvassed and as soon as possible the number of available steers for sale in this county will be listed.

The prime object to be attained by the cattle growers by the appointment of this committee is to eliminate the middleman and the commission man and to deal direct with the big buyers. It is claimed by local cattlemen that on one shipment of steers made from the local stock yards six thousand dollars profit was made by middlemen before the cattle were loaded onto the cars.

While the committee appointed will only represent the cattlemen of this district, for the purpose of making sales contracts, it is understood that a similar committee will be chosen to represent the cattlemen of the Duncan section.

Considerable interest is being manifested by the cattlemen of the county as to who will be appointed cattle inspector for this district under the new administration. The present inspector for the district is Mr. Vernon Martin and it is stated that there are no less than fifteen applicants to be his successor.

Those most prominently mentioned as likely to receive the appointment are Mitch Sanders, of Duncan; Geo. Balke, and Red Miller, of Clifton.

ENCINAS WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR LIFE

FLORENCE, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Miss Catherine Encinas, found guilty of first degree murder Dec. 8 for the slaying of Dr. W. G. Randall, prominent physician of Florence, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Arizona state penitentiary today by Judge Joseph Jenckes.

Counsel for the defendant, who had previously been denied a motion for a new trial, filed notice of an appeal to the state supreme court immediately after sentence was passed.

Dr. Randall was shot and killed last September in the apartment of Miss Encinas, a nurse who had previously been employed by him.

Miss Encinas surrendered to authorities immediately after the shooting and during her trial testified that she shot Dr. Randall in self defense after he had threatened to kill her.

The jury which found Miss Encinas guilty after 12 hours deliberation, also recommended a sentence of life imprisonment.

When asked by Judge Jenckes whether she had anything to say before he passed sentence Miss Encinas replied: "I have nothing to say except I have been judged by 12 level-headed men. Perhaps they were prejudiced against me, and I feel confident that in the supreme court I will be vindicated of the charge."

APPOINTMENTS BY HUNT

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 27.—Governor-elect Hunt today announced the selection of the following men for appointment to office after January 1: Dr. Fred Perkins of Phoenix as physician of the state prison, William Deldridge of Bisbee as parole clerk at the prison, A. T. Hammons of Payson as prison secretary.

ELKS BALL SATURDAY NIGHT

The local lodge of Elks will give their Fourteenth Annual Ball on Saturday night at the Auditorium. Special Music has been engaged for this occasion and everyone is looking forward to a "big time".

The Copper Era Wishes Everybody "A Happy New Year"—Better and More Prosperous Than Ever Before